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SUBJECT: CROWN PRINCE HASSAN REQUESTS MEETING WITH  
SECRETARY KISSINGER IN BRUSSELS

1. CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, WHO WILL BE IN BRUSSELS ON  
OFFICIAL VISIT DECEMBER 7-10 CALLED ME TO PALACE  
EVENING DECEMBER 5 TO ASK IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR  
SECRETARY TO MEET WITH HIM SOMETIME DURING THAT  
PERIOD.

2. CROWN PRINCE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SECRETARY WILL  
BE ATTENDING NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING DURING  
DECEMBER 7-10 PERIOD. CROWN PRINCE HOPED HE AND  
SECRETARY COULD ARRANGE MUTUAL SCHEDULES TO PERMIT A  
FINAL MEETING TOGETHER BEFORE SECRETARY LEAVES OFFICE. I  
ASKED IF CROWN PRINCE HAD ANY PARTICULAR SUBJECTS HE  
WISHED TO BRING UP AND HE REPLIED THAT HE ONLY WISHED  
GENERAL DISCUSSIONS PARTICULARLY ON HOW SECRETARY SEES  
FUTURE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

3. IN REPLY I CONFIRMED THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE ATTENDING  
NATO BRUSSELS MEETING BUT SAID I HAD NO IDEA OF  
HIS APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE, ALTHOUGH UNDOUBTEDLY IT WOULD  
BE A FULL ONE. I SAID I WOULD FORWARD CROWN PRINCE'S  
REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT AND ASK FOR A REPLY.

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4. CROWN PRINCE ALSO ASKED IF ATHERTON OR DAY WOULD BE IN BRUSSELS. IF SO AND PARTICULARLY IF SECRETARY SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SEE HIM, CROWN PRINCE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ONE OF THEM.

5. AS I PARTED, CROWN PRINCE REITERATED THAT HE HOPED SECRETARY WOULD HAVE SOME TIME AVAILABLE FOR HIM, PARTICULARLY IF VIEW OF THEIR CLOSE RELATIONS OVER THE PAST YEARS AND DURING SECRETARY'S MANY VISITS TO JORDAN.

6. IN PASSING, CROWN PRINCE ALSO ASKED IF ANY REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY. I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT KNOW BUT THAT BOTH THE OUTGOING AND INCOMING ADMINISTRATIONS WHILE COOPERATING CLOSELY ON TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS HAVE REITERATED THAT PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HANDLING US DIPLOMACY UNTIL INAUGURATION DAY. CROWN PRINCE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED LOGIC OF THAT COURSE.

7. REGARDING TIMING OF POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SECRETARY CROWN PRINCE SAID HIS SCHEDULE HAS FOLLOWING TIMES FREE.

- (1) WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 BEFORE 10 AM AND 5:30-6:30 PM (AFTER MEETING IN NATO HQS WITH LUNS)
- (2) THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9 BEFORE 9 AM (ALTHOUGH CROWN PRINCE COULD JUGLE HIS DEC 9 BRUSSELS SCHEDULE WHICH ONLY INCLUDE UNOFFICIAL BUSINESS TO MEET WITH SECRETARY):
- (3) FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10 BEFORE 10 AM

8. CROWN PRINCE SAID FINAL APPOINTMENT DETAILS COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR WALID DURRA OR CROWN PRINCE'S SECRETARY NASSER MIRZA IN BRUSSELS. CROWN PRINCE IS STAYING AT STUYVENGANG CASTLE, 2 AVE DE TREMBLES AND MIRZA CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH JORDANIAN EMBASSY OR AT PALACE HOTEL PLACE ROGER.

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9. COMMENT: CROWN PRINCE IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY COINCIDENCE OF BRUSSELS VISITS TO SEE SECRETARY IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE STRAIGHT-FORWARD COMBINATION COURTESY CALL TO WISH SECRETARY WELL AND GENERAL DISCUSSION TO PROBE SECRETARY'S IDEAS ON FUTURE PROSPECTS OF MIDEAST. CROWN PRINCE GAVE NO INDICATION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER WHETHER KING HUSSEIN WAS BEHIND HIS REQUEST OR WHETHER KING HAD BEEN CON

SULTED AND I DID NOT FEEL THAT I COULD PRESS THE POINT  
WITH HIM. I KNOW HE WOULD  
APPRECIATE GESTURE IF SECRETARY CAN FIT A SHORT MEETING INTO  
HIS BUSY SCHEDULE. MEETING MIGHT ALSO  
PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEFING FROM CROWN PRINCE'S  
PERSPECTIVE OF AT LEAST EARLY STAGES OF DEC 6-8 ASAD  
VISIT TO AMMAN. (CROWN PRINCE IS AMONG THOSE  
ADVOCATING A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO JORDANIAN-SYRIAN  
RAPPROCHEMENT THAN SOME OTHER OF KING'S ADVISORS.)

10. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY INDICATION OF SECRETARY'S  
AVAILABILITY FOR MEETING THAT I CAN PASS ON TO CROWN PRINCE  
PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM AMMAN FOR BRUSSELS ON  
AFTERNOON TUESDAY(JORDN TIME) DECEMBER 7. ALSO ANY INDICATION  
WHETHER ATHERTON OR DAY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING  
IN EVENT SECRETARY UNABLE TO SCHEDULE MEETING.

11. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH PASS THIS AND SUBSEQUENT  
MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT TO SECRETARY'S ADVANCE  
AT USMISSION NATO.  
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